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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
NORIAKI MATSUI) : Examiner: Cheukfan Lee
Application No.: 09/909,877) : Group Art Unit: 2622
Filed: July 23, 2001) : Confirmation No.: 3238
For: IMAGE READING APPARATUS) : August 10, 2005

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LETTER

Sir:

Applicant, having received a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due form, dated July 15, 2005, submits the following comments on the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance provided with the Notice of Allowability.

Applicant has reviewed the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance and notes that the statement indicates that both independent claims 13 and 18 require a "controller." Applicant merely wishes to make clear in the record that Claim 18 does not recite a "controller." Applicant submits that claim 18 is allowable in its own right for the features recited therein.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010 All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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